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. . . . ORDER OF THE ARROW . . . .

The Order is composed of selected Scouts and Scouters chosen on the basis of the following statement of purpose:

ITS PURPOSE

The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is:

(1) To recognize those campers (Scouts and Scouters) who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and by such recognition cause other campers to conduct themselves in such a manner as to warrant recognition.

(2) To develop and maintain camp tradition and spirit.

(3) To promote Scout camping.

(4) To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in unselfish service to others.

ITS HISTORY

In the summer of 1915 the Directors of Treasure Island, the Philadelphia Council Camp, finding it desirable to have some definite system of recognition of those Scouts who stood out in their exemplification of the Oath and Law, organized the Wimachtendienk, W.W., later known as the Order of the Arrow. Its first meetings and ceremonies were held in a bit of woods not generally used for activities purposes. Here they created a council ring, where all honors, including promotions in Scout rank, were awarded. As the highest camp honor one Scout previously chosen by each Troop, or Provisional Troop, at the end of its stay in camp was inducted into this, the beginning of the Order. After the public ceremonials those candidates who had previously undergone an ordeal, were, with appropriate ceremony, admitted to the Order.

From that time forward the Order has been centered in the camp program not only at this, its original home, but in the more than sixty councils now operating Lodges. Progress was slow in the beginning with respect to the development of additional Lodges. The plan of organizing and utilizing the Scouts of finest spirit in camp proved so helpful from many aspects that Lodges were formed in several other councils.

The World War temporarily interfered with the development of the Order but by 1921 the experimental period had produced sufficient experience for the establishment of the general basic policies, and the permanent organization of the Order on a national basis was undertaken.

The first National Convention convened in Philadelphia on October 7, 1921 and a National Lodge composed of all of the constituent local Lodges represented by four delegates from each was formed and took over the affairs of the Order, adopted a Constitution and a statement of policies and appointed committees to develop further details.

Followinf this initial convention, successive national Lodge meetings were held annually; later biennially, a steady progressive growth in Lodges and membership being noted. In November, 1929, at the National Lodge meeting, some discussion was had pointing to the adoption of the Order by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America as a component part of the program of the Boy Scouts. At the session of the National Lodge in 1933, at the Owasippe Scout Camps, summer camps of the Chicago Council, this proposal was definitely made and ratified by the delegates present.

On June 2, 1934, at the National Council meeting of the Boy Scouts in Buffalo, the Order was approved by the National Council.

The National Lodge of the Order of the Arrow is now chartered annually by the National Council; new Lodges securing a charter must have the approval of the National Council as well as the National Lodge.

ITS MEANING IN CAMP LIFE

As previously stated, the Order of the Arrow has as its object the banding together in a common brotherhood those Scouts who are most truly living up to the Scout ideals, and to crystallize their Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in unselfish service to others.

The Order of the Arrow is national in scope but entirely local in its application. It is administrated by its local group of members with officers they select. The National Lodge is the federation of the local lodges. The Order of the Arrow is democratic, being very unusual in that candidates are not selected by members themselves but are nominated by the Campers. It is based on high exemplification of Scouting ideals, with emphasis on leadership and service rather than on personal popularity or accomplishment.

The Order of the Arrow is considered the highest honor a Boy Scout Camper can attain. A survey conducted by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America in 1932 of all the Lodges, showed in the opinion of the Scout executives having Lodges, that the Order of the Arrow helped in the following ways:

(1) Aided in developing a deeper and more widespread interest in the outdoor program of Scouting.

(2) Inspired and stimulated all campers, those not members and those already members, to become good Scouts and to conduct themselves in such a manner as to merit membership.

(3) The influence of the Order of the Arrow was the most potent influence in the development of good character.

(4) Helps hold candidates during Senior Scout age, builds leadership possibilities, thus helping supply Junior and eventually Senior leaders for Troops.

(5) Strongly impresses upon all campers that the highest honor is awarded upon the basis of what a man is rather than upon what he does without losing sight of the fact that what a man is, is shown by what he does.

(6) The character building benefits of the Order of the Arrow program filter back to all Scouts in the Troop as well as affecting those in camp. Helps Scouts to a better understanding of and a firmer belief in the value of cheerful and unselfish service to others. Aids in developing leadership in such service.

(7) Creates and maintains a high morale at camp.

(8) Members and candidates as well as groups of other campers led by Order members do much repair and construction work at camp.

(9) During the winter, Lodges aid the program of Scouting for young men by sponsoring social functions such as dances and theatre parties, give leadership to projects or service to others such as collecting and repairing toys for Christmas distribution and help to promote all year 'round camping.

(10) The Arrow helps to make the ideal of the daily good turn a reality.

(11) The conducting of elections and organization work of the Troops provides many opportunities for citizenship training.

In addition, the Order of the Arrow develops a group of older Scouts, available for camp staff use and keeps in touch and sympathy with Scouting a group of older boys who would otherwise drop out.

. . . THE OWASIPPE LODGE AND ITS CHAPTERS . . .

The Order of the Arrow was adopted by the Chicago Council as part of its program in 1921. Originally, each Scout Camp was granted a separate charter by the National Lodge but in 1928 all local lodges merged and the Owasippe Lodge was formed. The Owasippe Lodge takes its name from our camp, the A. Stamford White Owasippe Scout Camps, named after the great Indian chieftain of the Pottawotamie Tribe.

The Lodge is chartered by the National Lodge and is composed of all members taken in at the summer camps of the Chicago Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Name	Chapter Identification
Garrison	Blockhouse
Checaugau	Fox
Blackhawk	Indian Head
Moqua	Bear
Wakay	Raccoon
Takodah	Moose

Scouts who attend the Wilderness and Pioneer Camps become members of the chapters affiliated with their Troop's District.

Each chapter has a full set of officers. Four delegates are appointed by each chapter to represent it. These delegates compose what is known as the Owasippe Lodge Executive Council. This Council administers the affairs of the Lodge, formulates the policies of the Chapters, and elects the Officers of the Owasippe Lodge. At summer camp the Owasippe Lodge is represented by an Honors Master.

The officers of each Chapter, plus any additional members necessary, form the Chapter Executive Committee. This committee administers the affairs of the Chapter in accordance with the wishes of its members. It policies must be consistent with those of the Owasippe and National Lodges.

. . . HONORS . . .

The Order of the Arrow is unique in that its members are elected by those outside its ranks, the only vote taken by members having to do with the way the candidate fulfills the requirements of the Ordeal.

At the beginning of the camping period the Scout leaders of the various Troops are informed of the purposes of the Order and that their Troops ORDEAL will be privileged, later in the period, to nominate and HONOR elect a number of Scouts in ratio to the Troop attendance at camp.

Nomination and election will be by the Scouts. Scouters are not counted in Troop figures. Leadership does not vote for boys.

Each Scout will be asked to vote and select Scouts for candidacy on the basis of the Scout having stood out over his fellow Scouts in having:

(1) Willingly served his fellow Scouts, patrol, Troop and the camp.

(2) Contributed toward making this a better camping experience for his Troop.

(3) His sharing in full of the camp and Troop work willingly and cheerfully.

(4) Regard and respect of his fellow Scouts.

(5) His having been a real Scout in his actions and personal character as shown in his daily camp life.

(6) His participation in the activities and advancement program of the camp.

(7) His trustworthiness in matters of responsibility.

Each Scout must nominate twice as many Scouts as his Troop is entitled to elect.

Nominations and elections shall be by Troop Scout vote on the afternoon of the second Tuesday of the period at a time agreed to by the Camp Director and the Honors Master. After each Scout has nominated twice the number of candidates that the Troop is entitled to elect, the written ballots are counted and the nominees having the highest number of votes are declared eligible for further consideration.

The Scouts then again cast another ballot using the Hare and Ware system of expressing their first choice, second choice, etc. The candidates with the lowest total score are elected. The Scout, or Scouts, is notified of his election through the medium of a calling-out ceremony held on the second Tuesday evening. He is then sent out on his Ordeal.

On Wednesday afternoon the Ordeal Committee, appointed for that purpose, reviews any reported infractions observed by Order members or the Committee. Should the Committee decide that the infraction was of sufficient importance to warrant consideration by the membership-at-large, the latter vote, on the violation, without knowledge of the candidate's identity and decide whether the candidate shall be allowed to proceed with the Honor. All candidates not voted upon by the membership-at-large automatically pass the Ordeal and receive the Ordeal Honor in the usual manner.

The Honor is given to duly elected candidates on Wednesday evening during the time when the regular camp activity for non-members is in progress.

The Ordeal and Ceremonial are outlined in a separate pamphlet issued by the National Lodge entitled "Ritual for the Ordeal (First) Honor."

An Ordeal Honor member must wait at least until the beginning of the subsequent camping season to the one in which he was elected to the Order of the Arrow before he is eligible for election to the Brotherhood Honor. He shall have attained the age of fifteen years by August 31st of that subsequent season. During the interval between attaining the Ordeal Honor and being considered for Brotherhood Honor, he shall have retained active membership in his Troop, and been of service to it to the best of his ability.

BROTHERHOOD HONOR

He shall have attended meetings of the Order in town and aided his Chapter in its service program. He shall have continued to live up to the ideals expounded in the Ordeal Honor ceremonial. He shall learn thoroly the signs, symbols, names, grip, song, etc., of the Order.

Annually, in November, the Council Office will send each known Ordeal member an information blank which the members must complete by securing signatures as he completes each portion required by the blank. At a public examination he is reviewed on his knowledge of the Order. This blank is returned to a designated officer of the Chapter before May 15.

The Chapter reviews the blank and in turn approves or rejects the member on the basis of the information it contains. In the event of rejection the reason is recorded on the blank.

A Chapter list of all approved candidates is forwarded to each camp of the Chicago Council when the Order members on the list are observed by a Brotherhood Committee selected for that purpose. This Committee watches the spirit of the candidates in his camp life and reviews any reported shortcomings observed by Order members or members of the Committee. If the Committeedecides that the infraction is of sufficient importance to warrant consideration by the Brotherhood membership-at-large it is referred to that body to decide whether the Ordeal member shall, or shall not, be allowed to take the Brotherhood Honor. All candidates not voted upon by the Brotherhood membership-at-large automatically receive the Brotherhood in the usual manner.

The Brotherhood membership-at-large meeting is held on the Saturday morning of the period and the Brotherhood Ordeal ceremony given on Saturday evening. The Brotherhood Honor is given on Sunday evening at a combined session of all camps, the host camp furnishing the Ceremonial Team.

The Brotherhood ceremonial is contained in a separate pamphlet issued by the National Lodge entitled "Ritual for the Brotherhood (Second) Honor."

VIGIL HONOR

The third and highest honor that a Scout can earn is the Vigil Honor. It is reserved for those Arrow men who have given long and outstanding service to Scouting, the camps, and the Order. While the Ordeal and Brotherhood Honors are awarded by the membership of the Chapter and the Lodge, the Vigil Honor candidates' records must be approved by the Chapter, the Owasippe Lodge, and finally approved by the National Lodge.

Each Chapter may nominate not more than three candidates yearly. The Chapter presents the names of its nominees to the Executive Council of the Owasippe Lodge in January of each year. If the Committee approves the records of the nominees, the names are forwarded to the National Lodge for approval or rejection. If approved, the Vigil Honor is given at camp, usually between the second and third camp periods.

A Brotherhood Honor member is not eligible for the Vigil Honor until at least three years have passed since he received the Brotherhood Honor.

. . . THE ORDEAL . . .

Because of the importance of the Ordeal, the Owasippe Lodge has adopted certain regulations regarding the Ordeal in conformity with National Lodge policies, that must be observed. Its successful handling does much to develop respect for the Arrow, by non-members.

The notification ceremony shall be on the second Tuesday evening of the period following the regular evening campfire program. The Scouts in camp shall be allowed to return to their quarters. In place of "Taps" the camp bugler shall be instructed to blow "Assembly". The Scouts shall be formed in regular parade formation. The Camp Director shall request quiet and lights shall be omitted. Arrow men will fall in behind

the newly elected candidates. A member of the Order of the Arrow shall enter dressed to represent Owasippe. He shall be followed by torch-bearers and an Arrow member appropriately dressed, carrying wreaths of pine. No word shall be spoken. "Owasippe" shall circle the group once before tapping each candidate once on the shoulder as notification of his selection. A wreath shall be placed on the shoulders of each candidate. The tapping shall be a moderate blow and no attempt to harm the candidate shall be made. Under no circumstances shall anything be enacted to nullify the dramatic effect of the notification ceremony. After "Owasippe" and his aides have left, the Camp Director shall request the candidates to remain and request that the others leave. A member of the Order shall than take charge of the candidates.

Scouts who have not attained the first-class rank shall be singled out and proper explanation shall be made as to when they are eligible to receive the Ordeal. They shall then be dismissed.

The official ordeal ceremony contained in the pamphlet "Ritual for the Ordeal (First) Honor" shall be used. An Arrow member, appointed beforehand, shall accompany each Scout or Scouter back to his tent while the candidate secures his bedding. The Arrow member shall see that no forbidden articles are included. He shall also see that non-members do not attempt to molest or speak to the candidate. The guide himself must not talk to the candidate, other than to give him instructions.

The Ordeal must be conducted out of the main part of Camp. After the Ordeal ceremony is given, the Scout is conducted to a place apart from the rest of the Camp. He must not be sent on private property or required to conduct his ordeal in public places that might reflect on the good will of the Camps. Under no circumstances is an Arrow man to be sent to Whitehall or its outskirts. Scouts must be placed apart; they cannot be close enough so that their fires are visible to each other. Obviously, this destroys the effect desired in the Ordeal ceremony.

The Scout is given two matches and instructed to build a fire, spend an hour in meditation prior to turning in. The purpose of meditation is spoiled if the Scout is placed in eye-sight of another candidate.

For the purposes of the testing the Scout should be placed so that to all intents he is alone in the world for the night. The camp should know at all times where the Scout is so that in case of an emergency or severe storm he can be brought back. In inclement weather he should be protected.

The candidates should be instructed to report back to the outskirts of the Camp in the morning. Emphasis should be placed on the fact that no Scout or Scouter must enter the camp until permission is given to do so. Violation constitutes a breach of the Ordeal. Nutiket will meet the candidates at the appointed place, giving them the food which constitutes breakfast.

Only the most simple food shall be given and only in quantities sufficient to maintain strength for the work at hand. It is suggested that bread and milk or cocoa and an orange be given.

Nutiket will assign the tasks for the day. The work to be performed by the candidates shall be determined in advance. Under no circumstances shall any but the Arrow men in charge be allowed in the vicinity. It is preferred that the work assigned the candidates be away from the campers, if possible.

The candidate must maintain his silence. Arrow men should be alert for possible infractions and the spirit in which the violation was made. Such infractions should be reported back to the Ordeal Honor Committee.

Permission to break silence shall be given by Nutiket or some higher official of the Lodge when necessary, who will also notify the candidate when the silence is to be resumed.

Silence is important. The objectives to the ban of silence are first, encouraging the exercise of self-control and second, the allowing of time for introspection.

Work shall cease for the noon meal. The candidates shall be allowed to rest at least ten minutes out of every hour. In conducting the work of the Ordeal be careful that no one is put to a strain. In instructing the candidates to cease working, Nutiket shall explain that they are free to speak until after the evening meal. If any of the project remains unfinished the candidates shall return after rest hour and complete same.

After evening mess the Scouts and Scouters should be brought back on the ban of silence and kept so until the end of the Ordeal Honor ceremony.

The handling of the Ordeal shall at all times be impressive and dignified. Each Arrow member participating should be impressed with the opportunity for developing the prestige of the Arrow by his actions. The Ordeal is the only contact that the organization has with non-members. The method of conducting it will reflect in the attitude of non-members. Remember the points of the testing are: Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service.

. . . MEETINGS REQUIRED IN CAMP . . .

The meetings required in camp are:

Monday Night - On the first night of the camp period just before "Taps" there should be held a first night camper's ceremony, including a ceremonial that symbolizes the purposes of the Order of the Arrow. There may be three fires to typify the three principles of our Order. No immediate statement need interpret the ceremony, but the next morning the Camp Director should make an explanation to the general camp body.

Tuesday afternoon (or morning) - As part of the business of the Leaders' meeting, the Order of the Arrow and the purpose for which it exists, how Scouts and Scouters are taken into it, should be discussed.

Tuesday evening - After evening mess on the first Tuesday of each period (or at such other time as desirable on that day), all Order members will gather together for a short Arrow meeting. An opportunity shall be given

for introductions and fraternalizing. At this meeting the regular business of the Arrow for the period shall be discussed. The Honors Master or the Chief of the Fire outlines to Ordeal members the basis of election to the Brotherhood Honor, detailing which men have been approved by the Chapter for consideration for election. An Ordeal Honors Committee shall be appointed.

Following the regular session of the Camp Arrow members present in camp on the first Tuesday of the period, a Brotherhood meeting shall be called at which time a Brotherhood Committee, composed of not less than three members appointed by the Camp Honors Master and the Camp Director jointly shall observe the Chapter-approved Ordeal Member during his stay at Camp, carefully noting his conduct and spirit. The Brotherhood membership-at-large present at this meeting shall be notified that they too can observe the candidate for the Honor but that any of their observations must be imparted to the Committee before Saturday morning of that week; further that the identity of the Brotherhood Honor Committee or knowledge of its existence shall not be revealed to the Ordeal membership.

Saturday morning - Before being finally accepted for Brotherhood Honor, each Chapter-approved Ordeal member must receive the approval of the Brotherhood membership-at-large at Camp. To this end a meeting of all Brotherhood members will be called for Saturday morning immediately following the morning meal. By-Laws must be followed in election procedure.

Saturday evening - Through the medium of a short ceremony, given by each Camp separately, chosen Ordeal members shall be notified of their election on Saturday evening at a session in which all Order men are present. They shall then be led by a guide to a chosen spot where they shall build a fire together and meditate in silence for at least one hour. The guide shall then lead them back to Camp for the night.

Sunday Evening Campfire - It is suggested that there be a campfire for the entire camp held in the council ring on the Sunday evening of the camp period. This should be conducted largely by the Order and should be in keeping with the dignity of the Order. This should be the only non-members affair held in the council circle.

Sunday evening - The Brotherhood Honor will be given on Sunday evening following the Arrow campfire. It will be given by the combined memberships of the various Owasippe Camps, the ceremonial being given alternately at each camp, the camp acting as host to furnish the Honors Team.

Tuesday afternoon - On Tuesday afternoon the Scouts of the Troop vote upon their own nominees selecting twice as many as are to be elected. On a second ballot, by use of the Hare & Ware system, the Scouts then elect the candidates. Scouters and permanent Staff hold similar meetings.

Tuesday evening - Scouts and Scouters shall be notified of their election by use of the calling-out ceremony of the respective camps on Tuesday evening. The Ordeal is also held on this evening.

Wednesday Afternoon - On Wednesday afternoon the Ordeal Honor Committee, having met in previous session and decided what shortcomings of candidates warrant a vote by the membership-at-large, shall present the circumstances to the membership-at-large, the candidate remaining unnamed in the discussion. The Arrow members shall then decide whether candidates during the Ordeal have shown those qualities for which they were being tested. Candidates not voted upon automatically receive the Honor.

Wednesday Evening -The ceremony will be conducted simultaneously with the regular camp activities. The ceremony is usually followed with an Arrow celebration where refreshments are generally served.

Friday Morning (or afternoon) - Meeting of the newly elected Ordeal Honor members for instruction purposes. At this meeting, if possible, they should be given their membership cards.

. . . ARROW "FEEDS" . . .

Definite plans for the Order celebration held usually after the Ordeal Honor ceremony should be outlined in advance. The food should be ready to serve and a planned program in keeping with the dignity of the ceremony and yet giving opportunity for fellowship should be conducted.

The celebration should be concluded not later than eleven o'clock p.m. Charges to members should be kept to a minimum. If possible, there should be no charge to new members although this is left to the discretion of the Chapter members in Camp.

. . . CAMP OFFICERS . . .

The Executive Council of the Owasippe Lodge shall appoint an Honors Master for each camp at its meeting held in June. The Honors Master will be in charge of all Arrow work at the camp he officiates at, supervising the various meetings, taking part in the Rituals, and handling any business that arises. He shall be impartial and handle the matters arising for the benefit of all members rather than those of any one Chapter. He must see that the Ritual team is properly rehearsed and that all parts have been memorized. He must not allow ritual parts to be read. The Honors Master is the "eyes" of the Owasippe Lodge and as such is responsible to it for any violation of its By-Laws or procedures. He shall report back to the Summer Chief on what he has observed and put in writing any suggestions for betterment of these By-Laws or any hardship or impossible situations that it imposes.

Each Chapter usually appoints a Summer Secretary to conduct its business and keep its records.

. . . ARROW RECORDS . . .

The Troop's Nomination Sheet, Form No. 46, submitted by the Troop, requires the signatures of the Arrow man conducting the election, the Troop Leader, and the Honors Master. It will include the candidate's name and address, rank, age, positions of leadership in Troop, and also names of rejected candidates. This nomination blank will be sent to the Secretary of the Owasippe Lodge at General Headquarters by the Honors Master.

The Certificate of Membership and Ordeal Honor, Form No. 155, will be handed to the Scout before he leaves Camp. This card must be given to the Ordeal member without the necessity for first paying dues.

Entrees of newmember's name, date of Ordeal, etc., on Permanent Lodge Records will be made by General Headquarters. Each member is assigned a number in this book which corresponds with this card number. Future Honors are likewise entered on that record.

An addressograph plate is made from the material and placed in the Chapter addressograph file. These plates are available for Chapter or Lodge requesting them. Requests for addressing should be made with sufficient advance notice. Changes of address should be made by a notice to Headquarters and the file will be kept by active and inactive classification. Scout Headquarters will re-arrange the plates from time to time to conform with lists submitted by the Chapter.

Headquarters will send to the Chief of the Chapter at the end of the camping season, a list of the names of new Ordeal members accepted during the summer, as well as the names of the Ordeal members advanced to Brotherhood Honor. Vigil Honor awarded to members of the Chapter involved will also be recorded.

. . . ORDER MATERIALS . . .

A supply of Arrow forms, Ordeal Honor pins, Brotherhood Honor pins and sashes are kept on hand for sale at Headquarters. The Ordeal Honor pins and sashes are also kept on hand at the Camp Trading Post.

Each Chapter has been supplied with copies of the Ordeal and Brotherhood Ceremonies, and Local Lodge Manual, which they should retain. Additional copies can be obtained from Headquarters upon payment of the cost.

The Ceremonials are to be kept by the Honors Master and guarded carefully. At the end of the summer they should bereturned to the proper parties.

. . . PRIVILEGES OF ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP . . .

To be eligible for election to active membership in the Lodge, a candidate must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America. A non-registered member cannot receive further Honors. Disassociation from the Scout Movement shall not necessarily affect the active standing of a member.

Participation in Lodge Affairs, the right to vote and eligibility for elections to higher Honors provided he is a registered Scout or Scouter, are the privileges of active membership.

. . . PRIVILEGES OF AN INACTIVE MEMBER . . .

In order to vote or hold office in the Chapter or the Lodge, a member must have paid his dues for the current year in full to the Chapter.

Any member who is in arrears for one year shall be liable for suspension. In such case, his name shall be placed on the inactive list and he shall not be admitted to sessions of the Chapter or Lodge until his dues are paid up-to-date.

(Editor's Note)

It is commonly interpreted that by non-payment of dues an Arrow member loses all privileges of the Active member. He cannot receive a higher Honor and may be barred from meetings in town and at Camp at the discretion of the Executive Committee of the Chapter.

. . . HONORS TEAM COSTUMES . . .

Each Chapter has a set of Honors Team Costumes which have been designed from a standard costume. The pictures depicting the costumes are on file at the Office of the Council.

The costumes should be returned to the City each year for necessary repairs or replacements.

BY-LAWS OF THE OWASIPPE LODGE
THE ORDER OF THE ARROW - WIMACHTENDIENK W.W. - OWASIPPE LODGE
(Adopted 5/19/29 - Revised 6/12/39)

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this Lodge shall be the Owasippe Lodge of the Order of the Arrow, Wimachtendienk, W. W.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The Owasippe Lodge, as a subordinate Lodge of the Order of the Arrow, Wimachtendienk, W. W., subscribes to the objectives and principles of the Order as set forth in the Constitution and By-Laws thereof. It seeks to band together in a common brotherhood those Scouts and Scouters encamped at the A. Stamford White Owasippe Scout Camps of the Chicago Council, Boy Scouts of America, w ho are most earnestly endeavoring to live up to the Scout Ideals, and thereby to crystallize their Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in the service of others.

The Order of theArrow shall be an adjunct to the Boy Scouts of America. In no manner shall the policies and principles of this organization conflict with the policies and principles of the National Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Persons legitimately entitled to information concerning the Order may be informed as to its nature, purpose and method. This would include adults to whom the information might be necessary in making a decision concerning participation in the Order. The religious obligations of any member are above any limitations or restrictions in the Order.

ARTICLE III - ORGANIZATION

For purpose of city organization,there shall be only one Lodge with one Chapter in each District of the Council.

There shall be one Arrow organization and program at each Camp, regardless of the number of Chapters represented.

The Lodge shall have an Executive Council. It shall be composed of four delegates from each Chapter, including the Chief of the Fire, the Chief, and two other delegates who shall be appointed by these officers. Alternates may be appointed.

The delegates and alternates shall serve for an annual term, and shall be appointed prior to the annual meeting of the Owasippe Lodge, in December of each year.

When vacancies occur, appointments shall be made for the balance of the unexpired term. At least one of the delegates from each Chapter must be under twenty-one years of age. In voting on all matters, except as hereinafter stated, each delegate shall have one vote. On matters of By-Law revisions, voting on persons, or reversal of policy, the vote shall be by Chapters, each Chapter having one vote. A plurality of one vote shall constitute a majority in Executive Council voting except where specifically limited by these By-Laws.

ARTICLE IV - HONORS

The three Honors of the Lodge are those recognized in the Constitution of the National Lodge of the Order of the Arrow, Wimachtendienk, W.W., as outlined hereinafter. No member may receive a higher honor unless he is in good standing.

1. The ORDEAL HONOR is the first Honor, attained through election and induction at Camp.

2. The BROTHERHOOD HONOR is the second Honor. It is conferred upon those Ordeal Honor members who have given evidence of continued service, both in their Troop and Chapter and who have learned and memorized the required rites, signs, and symbols of the Order.

3. The VIGIL HONOR is the third and highest Honor. It is reserved for those Brotherhood Honor members who have rendered conspicuous service or unusual leadership either to Scouting or to the Order.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1 - CHARTER MEMBERSHIP

All members who were elected and inducted to membership in the Order prior to 1929 shall constitute the Charter membership of the Lodge.

SECTION 2 - ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Clause A - Eligibility

(a) A candidate for election to active membership in the Lodge must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.

(b) Before taking the Ordeal of the Order, the elected candidate for active membership must have registered for at least one period and must have camped for at least seven days of that period. He must have attained the rank of a first-class Scout.

(c) Any elected candidate for active membership who does not meet the rank requirement in paragraph b above, shall become a Pledgee until such time as he is qualified to take the Ordeal.

(d) A member of the Order belonging to another Lodge may apply for admission as an active member of the Owasippe Lodge by presenting proof of good standing in said other Lodge. This proof shall be in the form of a letter presented to the Executive Council of the Lodge which shall have power to elect to active membership by approval of such application.

Clause B - Nominations and elections by Troops to Ordeal Honor.

Nominations and elections shall be by Troop Scout vote, the afternoon of the second Tuesday of the period. Ordeal ceremony shall be given in the evening of the same day and the Ritual ceremony shall be held on the succeeding evening, at the same time that a regular activity of the other campers is in progress.

Troops having six or more Scouts in a single Camp in any one period may nominate from its Scout membership in Camp at that time, members to the Order of the Arrow in the following ratio:

> Six to eleven Scouts in Camp during any single period shall entitle a Troop to elect one candidate; twelve to seventeen, two Scouts; eighteen to twenty-three, three Scouts; twenty-four and above, four Scouts. No more than four Scouts from a Troop can be elected in one period. Scouters are not to be counted in the above figures.
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> Any elected candidate for active membership who does meet the rank requirement of first-class at the time of election, shall become a Pledgee until such time as he is qualified to take the Ordeal.

The Scouts in the Troop shall assemble in their respective Troop campsites at a time agreed to by the Camp Director and the Honors Master. A representative of the Order, preferably not a member of the Troop, shall supervise the meeting which shall be conducted in the following manner:

The Arrow representative shall explain the nature of the Order of the Arrow and the method of conducting the election. He shall state that Scouts should be elected on the basis of having been outstanding in -

1. His service to his fellow Scouts, Patrol, Troop and the Camp.

2. His contributions to a better camping experience for his Troop.

3. His sharing in full of the Camp and Troop work willingly and cheerfully.

4. His regard and respect of his fellow Scouts.

5. His having been a real Scout in his actions and personal character as shown in his daily Camp life.

6. His participation in the activities and advancement program of the Camp.

7. His trustworthiness in matters of responsibility.

Each Scout in the Troop shall nominate, on a written ballot, at least twice as many as it is planned to elect to candidacy. The nominees will be chosen from those having the highest number of votes in the above ballot; the final selection being twice the number of candidates to be elected.

Having determined the Scouts from whom final selection will be made, members of the Troop, by use of the Hare and Ware system of balloting, will then choose the candidates.

The Troop Leader should be present but cannot conduct the election. He may speak before final selection of the candidates is made, and state whether or not he feels they are of Arrow caliber. He may recommend that none be elected by may be overruled by the Scouts' popular vote. Leadership does not vote for boys.

Troops having less than six Scouts present in any single period at any one single Camp do not have the privilege of electing any of its membership to the Order.

An Ordeal Committee, composed of three or more members, appointed by the Honors Master and the Camp Director jointly, shall supervise the Ordeal and shall observe the candidates during their period of testing, carefully noting their conduct and the spirit in which they complete the Ordeal. Before admission to the Lodge, each candidate must satisfactorily meet the requirements of the Ordeal as laid down in the Ceremonial. To this end there shall be a meeting open to all Order members, on Wednesday afternoon.

The Committee will receive from the membership-at-large all objections to and individual's attitude in connection with the Ordeal. Such objections must be made to the Committee for its consideration PRIOR to the meeting of the membership-at-large to be held on Wednesday afternoon; the member reporting the infraction may appear as witness, but will have no vote in the Committee's decision. The Committee will consider such objections, together with any infr ctions that the Committee personally has observed, and decide whether it believes an individual's attitude is such that his case be considered by the membership-at-large for failure to live up to the spirit of the Ordeal.

The Committee shall present the facts to the membership-at-large, the candidate remaining unnamed in the discussion.

In cases considered for rejection, the majority vote (one more than half of the members present) will rule and the candidate shall be privately notified by the Camp Director and the Honors Master jointly that he has failed to meet the requirements of the Order for admittance.

If no objections are presented by the Committee at the meeting held on Wednesday afternoon, all candidates will be considered as having automatically passed the Ordeal, and will receive the Ordeal Honor in the usual manner.

SECTION 3 - VOLUNTEER LEADER ELECTIONS

On the second Tuesday of the period at a time and place agreed to by the Camp Director and the Honors Master, Volunteer Leaders will meet and elect from this group, members to the Order of the Arrow, by secret ballot. To be eligible for election to the Order, a Leader -

(a) must be a commissioned Leader in the Chicago Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

(b) must have taken active part in the Camp program during the period in which he is being considered for election.

(c) must be in charge of, or assisting, a specific Troop at Camp. A Leader in Camp without a Troop is not eligible to active membership in the Order but may be considered for Honorary Membership.

There is no limit to the number that may be elected in any one period. Ordeal testings of Leaders are subject to review by the Ordeal Honor Committee as outlined in Section 2.

SECTION 4 - CAMP STAFF ELECTIONS

On the second Tuesday of the period, at a time and place agreed to by the Camp Director and the Honors Master, members of the permanent staff will meet and elect from their group, members to the Order of the Arrow by secret ballot. The candidates must be registered in the Chicago Council, Boy Scouts of America. There is no limit to the number that may be elected in any one period. Ordeal testing of Camp Staff members is subject to review by the Ordeal Honor Committee as outlined in Section 2.

SECTION 5 - KNOWLEDGE OF THE ORDEAL CEREMONY, SIGNS, ETC.

Each Camp will have an instruction class on the Friday morning following the administering of the Ordeal Honor in Camp, at which time all Ordeal Honor members shall be thoroly schooled in the several parts of the Ordeal ceremony and Arrow principles, history, traditions, and the purposes of the Order. The grip, song, meaning of the ceremony, etc., will be explained to them. Procedure for election to Brotherhood Honor should be explained in addition to Chapter setups, meetings, dues, etc.

The Recording Secretary shall complete the back of the Information Form stating whether or not the Ordeal member was approved by the Committee. In the event of non-approval, the reason for rejection must be recorded. The Chapter Recording Secretary and the Chapter Chief shall sign their names to each approved or disapproved information form. The Chapter Executive Committee proceedings shall be recorded in the Chapter Minutes and the names of the approved and disapproved Ordeal members shall likewise be recorded. The Chapter Recording Secretary shall prepare a list, signed by both the Chapter Chief and himself, of the approved candidates and forward to Council Headquarters not later than June 10 of each year; when received and distributed to the various Council Camps by Council Headquarters, no additional names may be added nor can anyone receive Brotherhood Honor whose name is not shown thereon. The Chapter will also send its Honors Master at Owasippe a copy of the list for his records and Chapter protection.

APPROVAL AT CAMP - Following the regular session of the Camp Arrow members present in Camp on the first Tuesday of the period, a Brotherhood meeting shall be called at which time a Brotherhood Committee, composed of not less than three members appointed by the Camp Honors Master and the Camp Director jointly, shall observe the Chapter-approved Ordeal member during his stay at Camp, carefully noting his conduct and spirit. The Brotherhood membership-at-large present at this meeting shall be notified that they too can observe the candidate for the Honor but that any of their observations must be imparted to the Committee before Saturday morning of that week; further that the identity of the Brotherhood Honor Committee or knowledge of its existence shall not be revealed to the Ordeal membership. Before being finally accepted for Brotherhood Honor, each Chapter-approved Ordeal member must receive the approval of the Brotherhood membership-at-large present at Camp. To this end a meeting of all Brotherhood members will be called for Saturday morning immediately following the morning meal.

The Committee will consider any objections, together with any infractions that the Brotherhood membership-at-large has observed, and decide whether it believes an individual's attitude is such as to be considered by the Brotherhood membership-at-large on the basis of having failed in Arrow standards. The Committee shall present the facts to the Brotherhood membership-at-large, the candidate remaining unnamed in the discussion. In the cases considered for rejection, the majority rejection, (one more than half of the members present) will rule. If no objections are presented by the Committee, all candidates will be considered as having automatically passed the "conduct and spirit" requirement. Any Ordeal member rejected is barred from obtaining Brotherhood Honor for the balance of that Owasippe Camping Season.

Through the medium of a short ceremony, given by each Camp, separately, chosen Ordeal members shall be notified of their election on Saturday evening at a session in which all Order men are present. They shall then be led by a guide to a chosen spot where they shall build a fire together and meditate in silence for at least one hour. The guide shall then lead them back to Camp for the night.

CEREMONIAL AT CAMP - The chosen candidates for Brotherhood Honor shall be placed on silence immediately following the Sunday evening meal and shall remain so until released thru the Brotherhood Honor Ceremony. The ceremonial for Brotherhood Honor shall be recognized as a Lodge ceremony and shall be given each period by the combined Brotherhood membership of the various Owasippe Camps. Ceremonial will be given alternately at Camp; the Camp acting as host to furnish the Honors team. With the consent of the Lodge Summer Chief, the various camps may develop an inter-camp Honors team to present the Honor.

FREQUENCY OF ORDEAL AND CEREMONY - The Brotherhood testing and ceremony will be given at Camp periodically, except to those members who have the necessary qualifications and who, by force of uncontrollable circumstances, are unable to return to camp, but who have continued to serve the Camps. Such opportunities will be given at the Annual Lodge Fellowship Session or a session of the Chapter expressly for this purpose. Only those members previously elected can be given the Honor.

ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL CAMPS OTHER THAN OWASIPPE - If the candidate attends Kiwanis, all of the foregoing procedure shall apply except that the Camp Director will report to the Supreme Chief of the Fire the names of candidates who are eligible for the Brotherhood Honor.

The Supreme Chief of the Fire in turn will notify the Chapters and the candidates will receive the Ceremonial in the Fall at a time and place specified by the Chapter. The duration of the testing shall be governed by the Camp Director of the particular Camp attended by the candidate.

SECTION 7 - PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION TO VIGIL HONOR

The Vigil Honor is a National Honor and is the Third Honor. It is conferred upon those Brotherhood Honor members who are presented by their Chapter, nominated by the Owasippe Lodge, and appointed by the National Lodge for this high privilege. It is conferred upon those Brotherhood Honor members who have rendered conspicuous service or unusual leadership to the Order of the Arrow and to Scouting. No Brotherhood member can be chosen for this Honor who has not maintained a satisfactory record of activity and participation in the Lodge or his Chapter. A person must have been a Brotherhood Honor member for at least three years before he can be eligible for consideration to the Vigil Honor.

In recommending Brotherhood members for the Vigil Honor no definite qualifications are demanded, however, those listed below might warrant consideration in the selection of Vigil members:

(a) One who has given continued leadership and service of an unusual nature (the leadership and service must be extraordinary - mere recognition of the fulfillment of a duty over a long period of time will not suffice) to the Order of the Arrow and Scouting. Examples might be:

(1) Successful Camp Director who has served over a period of at least two years and who has furthered, and participated actively in, the Arrow work at Camp during this time.

(2) A member of the Executive Staff of the Council who has actively participated in and furthered the work of the Arrow in the city by attendance at its functions and thru continued interest and participation.

(3) A Chief of a Chapter or Lodge who has successfully terminated his period in office by unusual leadership and service over and above that normally required in the performance of his office.

(4) Other Lodge or Chapter Officers who have served for long periods of time and who have been exceptionally faithful, sacrificing their own personal welfare in giving unusual leadership and service.

(b) Any member w ho has performed an unusual act of continued service for the Order of the Arrow and Scouting.

(c) A member who has demonstrated exceptionally unselfish service to others in his daily living over a long period.

(d) A member who performs an outstanding act of heroism.

No person in any of the above classifications is to be considered as automatically eligible for the Honor. The individual case is to be considered on its merits after a complete investigation.

The maximum number of candidates to be recommended by a Chapter in any one year is not to exceed two. Where, in the opinion of the Chapter, none of its members or a smaller number than the maximum, are qualified to receive the Vigil Honor, the recommendations can be made in accordance with the Chapter's wishes. The selection of the candidates recommended is to be done by the officers (as listed in Artivle VII, Section II) of the Chapter prior to the regular Owasippe Lodge Executive Council session to be held in January of each year. At this time, annually, AND AT NO OTHER TIME, nominations are to be considered and accepted or rejected. The Chapter Secretary shall send a notice of such a meeting to each officer so that all may plan to attend. Two-thirds of the officers must be present. The vote must be unanimous, the result of the voting on each name considered to be recorded in the Chapter Minutes Book by the Recording Secretary. The reason for rejection shall also be recorded. Where persons are definitely approved by the Chapter, an application is made out on a formal blank accompanying a statement giving adequate evidence as to the candidate's fitness and the unusual leadership or service he has rendered which qualifies him for consideration for the Vigil Honor. This application is sent to the Owasippe Lodge Chief to reach him at least ten days before the date of the January Executive Council meeting.

The Chief of the Lodge shall turn over the applications to a Vigil Honor Committee consisting of one Vigil Honor member from each Chapter appointed for that purpose. This Committee will investigate the facts recorded on the application, making such "off-the record" interviews with Chapter officers, Council, District officials, etc., as will enable them to name an intelligent, confidential report to the Lodge Executive Council. At the Owasippe Lodge Executive Council session the written vote shall be by Chapters present, a unanimous vote being necessary to qualify for

consideration by the National Lodge. Negative votes shall state their reason for rejection such rejections being recorded in Lodge Minutes.

If approved, the names of Vigil Honor nominees are to be forwarded to the National Secretary so that they may be considered by the National Vigil Honor Committee of the National Lodge. These nominations must be submitted to the National Secretary at least one month prior to a National Lodge Meeting.

The Owasippe Lodge Executive Council, may be unanimous vote of the Chapters present at the January meeting, elect four additional Vigil Honor members-at-large. Such names shall have been presented at the previous meeting for consideration.

ORDEAL AND CEREMONIAL: The Ordeal and ceremony will be given under the jurisdiction of the National Lodge in accordance with the Constitution of the National Lodge, such Honor being given at such authorized sessions of the Vigil Honor as may be held either at Owasippe or other selected place.

SECTION 8 - HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Any person who shall have performed such service for Owasip e, or for other sufficient cause as to warrant membership in the Lodge, may be elected to Honorary Membership in the Lodge at the regular meeting of the Lodge Executive Council held just prior to camp, by a 2/3 affirmative vote of Chapters.

Honorary members may be elected to Chapter membership at camp provided the joint approval of the Camp Chief of the Fire and the Lodge Chief of the Fire is given before voting. After approval, a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Chapter membership at Camp shall constitute election.

Honorary members shall have all the privileges of active Ordeal Honor members except the privilege of voting, holding office, or advancement in the Order. They shall not be required to pay dues.

Members of the Owasippe Lodge who transfer to another Lodge but who are worthy to be retained in some connection with the Owasippe Lodge, or a Chapter thereof, may be elected to Honorary Membership in the Owasippe Lodge by the Executive Council.

SECTION 9 - STATUS OF MEMBERS WHO LEAVE SCOUTING

Separation from Scouting by any member of the Lodge shall automatically cause separation from active membership in the Lodge. The membership rolls shall be reviewed periodically by the Chapter Scribe in order to carry out the above regulation.

SECTION 1 - TOTEM

Each individual Chapter shall have its own totem. The Lodge totem shall be the hand of fellowship plus the Arrow.

SECTION 2 - HONOR MARKS

The Arrow, which is the general insignia of the Order, shall be the mark of the Ordeal Honor. The mark of the Brotherhood shall be the totem of the hand of fellowship, plus the Arrow. The mark of the Vigil Honor shall be a Triangle superimposed on the totem of local Lodge for the Vigil Honor.

The national colors for the Order of the Arrow are Red and White.

ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 1 - THE OFFICERS OF THE OWASIPPE LODGE

The Officers of the Lodge shall be:

Supreme-Chief-of-the-Fire	Netami Gegeyjumhet
Chief-of-the-Fire	Nischeneyit Gegeyjumhet
Vice-Chiefs-of-the-Fire	Gegeyjumhet
Lodge Chief	Netami Sakima
Lodge Vice-Chief.	Nischeneyit Sakima
Lodge Medicine Man.	Meteu
Lodge Scribe.	Netami Lekhiket
Lodge Summer Chief.	(assumes title of Lodge Chief)

Clause 1 - Supreme-Chief-of-the-Fire

The Supreme Chief of the Fire shall be the Scout Executive of the Chicago Council.

Clause 2 - Chief-of-the-Fire

The Chief Camp Director of the Owasippe Scout Camps shall be the Chief-of-the-Fire. He shall act in a general advisory capacity on all occasions.

Clause 3 - Vice-Chiefs-of-the-Fire

The Assistant Chief Camp Directors of the Owasippe Scout Camps shall be known as the Vice-Chiefs-of-the-Fire, one of whom shall act for the Chief-of-the-Fire in his absence.

Clause 4 - Lodge Chief

The Lodge Chief shall preside at meetings of the Lodge and the Lodge Executive Council.

He shall appoint such standing and temporary committees as are called for in these By-Laws, or by special action of the Lodge Executive Council. He shall counsel with the Chief-of-the-Fire concerning the administration of the Lodge.

He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Clause 5 - Lodge Vice-Chief

The Vice-Chief shall assume the duties of the Chief in the latter's absence.

Clause 6 - Lodge Medicine Man

The Lodge Medicine Man shall be responsible for the induction of duly elected Lodge officers.

Clause 7 - Lodge Scribe

The Lodge Scribe shall be responsible for recording and keeping the Minutes and for the general secretarial work for the Lodge Executive Council.

Clause 8 - Lodge Summer Chief

If the Lodge Chief cannot attend camp for the full season, he shall appoint a Summer Chief with the approval of the Lodge Executive Council.

Clause 9 - Temporary appointments to Office

In case any of the regularly elected officers of the Lodge are not able to be present to fulfill their duties on any occasion, the Lodge Chief shall make appointments to fill the facancies temporarily, subject to the approval of the Chief-of-the-Fire.

Clause 10 - Elections

With the exception of the Supreme-Chief-of-the-Fire, the Chief-of-the-Fire and Vice-Chief of the Fire, the Lodge officers will be elected by the Lodge Executive Council at their meeting on or before November 15th. The new officers shall assume their duties immediately following their election. They will be formally inducted at the Annual Lodge Banquet. These officers may be chosen from among the Delegates comprising the Executive Council but selection shall not necessarily be limited to this body.

See next page - 24a - for addition to above Clause, entitled "Nominations for Lodge Offices.

SECTION 2 - CHAPTER OFFICERS

The officers of each Chapter shall be as follows:

District or Camp-Chief-of-the-Fire . . .	Nacheneyit Gegeyjumhet
The Medicine Man.	Meteu
The Chapter Chief.	Wojanwe
Senior Vice-Chief.	
Junior Vice-Chief.	
Chapter Scribe	Lekhiket
Chapter Treasurer.	Mawachpo
Guardian of the Trail, Deputy.	Kichkinet
Guardian of the Trail.	Nutiket

The Senior Vice-Chief and Junior Vice-Chief must be under twenty-one years of age when elected. The Chapter Chief must be under twenty-five years of age when elected.

Nominations for Lodge Offices

The outgoing Lodge Chief, with the counsel of the Chief-of-the-Fire, shall appoint a Nominating Committee to compose a slate of nominees for Lodge offices. This slate shall be published to all the members of the Lodge Executive Council at least ten days prior to the election meeting. Additional nominations for any office must be received by the Chairman of the Nominating Committee not later than three days prior to the election meeting.

Those offices where only one name has been nominated may be voted upon together. Any office for which two or more names have been nominated must be voted upon separately.

A two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote shall constitute election, vote being by Chapters represented.

The duties of these officers in the local Chapters will correspond as far as practical to those of the officers of the Owasippe Lodge.

The duties of the Scribe and the Treasurer may not be handled by one individual. The Treasurer must be over twenty-one years of age.

The term of office shall be one (1) year.

Clause 1 - Chapter Elections

A 2/3 affirmative vote of the active Chapter members present is necessary for election to any Chapter office. Chapter's officers must be elected prior to November 1, yearly.

Clause 2 - Chapter Executive Committee

Each Chapter shall have an Executive Committee composed of officers and as many additional members as the Chapter membership chooses to elect.

The Committee shall conduct the work of the Chapter in conformance with the policies and program of the Owasippe Lodge.

Clause 3 - Representation at Camp

Prior to the Camping Season, the Lodge Chief, with the approval of the Lodge Executive Council, shall appoint an Honors Master for each Camp. Should a vacancy occur, the Lodge Summer Chief, with the approval of the Chief-of-the-Fire, may appoint a substitute.

The Honors Master shall represent the Lodge and arrange all ceremonies.

ARTICLE VIII - RECORDS AND FINANCES

The Council Office shall maintain the following permanent records:

(a) The minutes and archives of the Lodge
(b) The record books of the Rites and Ceremonies
(c) The By-Laws of the Lodge
(d) The current record of membership, address, date of election, date of elevation to higher honors
(e) The roll of the Lodge comprising;
    The list of active members by Chapters
    The list of inactive members by Chapters
    The list of those dropped for cause
    The list of those resigned or deceased

The Council Office shall receive all moneys of the Owasippe Lodge.

SECTION 2 - MONEYS RECEIVED AND PAID BY CHAPTERS

The Owasippe Lodge National Lodge dues shall be prorated among the several Chapters on the basis of active membership at the time of paying the dues; however, the National Lodge dues on the first 100 members shall be divided equally among the several Chapters.

No other assessment shall be made by the Lodge against the several Chapters without their express consent in the form of a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Chapters.

Each Chapter shall maintain a treasury and retain for its own use funds collected for dues or resulting from Chapter activities. In the event of dissolution, a Chapter's funds shall revert to the Owasippe Scout Camps for Camp Scholarship purposes.

Any overage resulting from an activity authorized by the Lodge Executive Council as an "inter-chapter" rather an a "lodge" function, shall be disposed of by a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Chapter representative on the Standing Committee in charge of the Inter-Chapter affair. Overages on the Lodge activities automatically revert to the Owasippe Scout Camps.

SECTION 3 - ANNUAL CHAPTER DUES

Annual dues shall be arranged according to the provision of each Chapter. A Chapter Executive Committee may retain such members on its mailing list as it may see fit to retain.

SECTION 4 - PENALTIES FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES

In order to vote or hold office in the Chapter or Lodge, a member must have paid his dues for the current year in full to the Chapter. Back dues shall not be collected.

Any member who is in arrears after six months from the beginning of the Chapter's fiscal year shall be liable for suspension. He shall not be liable for such suspension prior to the lapse of such six month's period. In cases of suspension, the member must be notified, his name being placed on the inactive list and he may be refused admission to sessions of the Chapter or Lodge until his dues are paid in full.

The financial records of each Chapter shall be audited annually and a report made at the Annual Chapter meeting, by its Committee on Audit.

ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES

SECTION 1 - LODGE AND STANDING COMMITTEES OF CHAPTERS

The following standing committees for use by the Lodge and the several Chapters shall be appointed by the several Chiefs:

1. Committee on Honors and Ceremonies
2. Committee on Service and Ideals
3. Committee on Entertainment

Clause 1 - Committee on Honors and Ceremonies

This Committee shall consist of at least five members, with Meteu as an ex-officio member. It shall have responsibility for all Honors and Ceremonies.

Clause 2 - Committee on Service and Ideals

This Committee shall consist of a Chairman and such additional members as are necessary. This Committee shall suggest such programs of service as are in keeping with the ideals of Scouting and the Order. This Committee may subdivide its work as necessary.

Clause 3 - Committee on Entertainment

This Committee shall consist of a Chairman and such additional members as are needed. It shall have responsibility for any social program placed in its charge. The Committee may temporarily augment its membership when necessary.

SECTION 2 - ADDITIONAL CHAPTER COMMITTEES

In addition to the Standing Committees specified in Section 1 of this article, each Chapter shall have the following additional committees:

1. Committee on Membership
2. Committee on Audit
3. Committee on Properties

Clause 1 - Committee on Membership

The Chapter Committee shall periodically review the membership of the Chapter, removing from the active list the names of such members as should not remain thereon, and request that the Owasippe Lodge have such changes made in the Owasippe Lodge records. The Chapter Scribe and/or Treasurer to be ex-officio a member of the Chapter Committee on Membership.

Clause 2 - Committee on Audit

This Committee shall consist of at least three members. An annual audit of the Treasurer's accounts shall be made by the Committee and submitted for approval at the time of the Annual meeting of the Chapter.

Clause 3 - Committee on Properties

This Committee shall consist of at least three members. It shall have in its custody all movable properties of the Chapter and keep a careful record thereof. It shall make recommendations as to the need for new equipment and materials from time to time.

ARTICLE X - SESSIONS AND CEREMONIALS

SECTION 1 - MEETINGS OF THE OWASIPPE LODGE

The stated gatherings of the Lodge shall be as follows:

(a) The annual banquet held during the Christmas Holidays for the purpose of social fellowship.

(b) A Fellowship Council held in the Fall.

SECTION 2 - MEETINGS OF THE LODGE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The stated gatherings of the Lodge Executive Council shall be:

(a) For purposes of business, the December Executive Council meeting shall be known as the Annual Meeting.

(b) Other meetings shall be held on call of the Chief or at the request of two-thirds of the Chapters.

SECTION 3 - CHAPTER MEETINGS

The stated gatherings of the Chapters shall be:

(a) Annual meeting before November 1 for election of officers prior to the Annual Meeting of the Owasippe Lodge.

(b) Such other meetings as deemed necessary. Some of these should be outdoor sessions. Not less than four meetings shall be held during the year.

(c) Chapter Executive Committee meetings shall be held on call of the Chapter Chief, District Chief-of-the-Fire, or at the request of two-thirds of the Executive Committee.

SECTION 4 - CAMP SESSIONS

During the camp season, meetings of the members of the Chapters in the several camps shall be held at least twice a period under the guidance of the Honors Master. The first meeting, in the earlier part of the period, shall give opportunity for fellowship of Order members in Camp. The second meeting, to be held on Wednesday, to receive the report of the Ordeal of the day.

Under no circumstances shall any bueiness, other than that directly connected with the administration of the Order in Camp, be transacted at any session of the Chapter at Camp.

SECTION 5 - QUORUM

A quorum of the Executive Council of the Owasippe Lodge, for business purposes, shall consist of representatives present from two-thirds of the Chapters.

The quorum necessary for the consideration of business at any sessions of the Chapters of the Lodge shall be ten percent of the active membership of the Chapters, with the exception that at Camp two-thirds of the active members in Camp shall constitute a quorum.

A quorum of the Executive Committee of the various Chapters, for business purposes, shall consist of fifty per cent of the Executive Committee membership.

SECTION 6 - ADMISSION TO SESSIONS

Members may be required to give the password or show their membership cards or other proof of their membership to obtain admission to any meeting, Honor or Ceremonial.

ARTICLE XI - CHAPTER EXPERIMENTATION

If, at any time, a Chapter desires to put into practice some theory of its own, which will not conflict with basic policies of ceremonials or administration - that is, will not change the end sought or the principles of the Arrow - necessary permission may be gained in the following manner:

> A detailed outline of the procedure is to be presented by the Chapter to the Chief of the Fire and the Chief (or Summer Chief) of the Owasippe Lodge, with the consent of the Chapter Chief of the Fire. If approved, by the above named men, the plan may be tried. For a repetition of the trial, or a new change, consent must be gained in the same manner.

ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended at any stated meeting of the Lodge Executive Council by a vote of the Chapters - each Chapter having one (1) vote; four out of six Chapter votes being necessary to make such a change. Notice of such amendments shall be sent to the Lodge Executive Council membership at least fifteen days in advance of the meeting in which it is proposed to adopt them.

These By-Laws shall be subject to the review and approval of the National Lodge of the Order of the Arrow, W.W.W., as set forth in the By-Laws thereof.